

REMARKS

DRAWINGS:

The Examiner has objected to certain informalities in the Figures. Accordingly, replacements sheet 3 has been submitted with this amendment in order to correct these informalities in the figures.

SPECIFICATION:

The specification has been amended to reflect the changes to the Figures

CLAIMS:

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 3-5 and 14-16, as being anticipated by Albrecht et al. (US PAT. 6,052,258). In addition, The Examiner has rejected claims 9-11 as being obvious in view of Albrecht.

The Applicant has amended claim 1 to recite the additional step of forming a cross shaped via in at least one of the conductive layers and in the dielectric layers. Support for this addition to the claims can be found in the paragraph beginning on line 15 of page 11. As disclosed in the present application, forming a cross shaped via provides a larger contact surface for better grounding.

None of the reference teaches the formation of a cross shaped via to form a structure as recited in claim 1. More specifically, Albrecht does not teach or suggest the formation of such a cross shaped via when connecting electrically conductive layers.

Because none of the references, alone or in combination, teaches all of the elements of claim 1, claim 1 as amended is patentable over the prior art. In addition, since claims 3-5, 9-11 and 14-16 all depend from allowable claim 1, they too are allowable over the prior art.

The Applicant sincerely believes that the remaining claims in this application are allowable as amended. A notice of allowance is, therefore, requested. Should the Examiner wish to discuss this matter further, the Examiner is invited to call the Applicant's attorney at (408) 971-2573.

For payment of any fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 50-2587 (Order No. SJ09000001US2)

Respectfully submitted,

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